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Applicants proposed to amend claims 8, 10, 22, 23, and 27 and proposed to cancel claims 13 and 14 to remove the 112 rejection of claims 13, 14, 23, and 27 and the objection of claims 8, 10, and 22 under 37 CFR 1.75(c), set forth in the office action mailed on Sep. 11, 2008, paragraphs 6 and 7, respectively. See the attached, proposed amendments to the claims. The examiner replied that such amendments would appear to overcome the rejection and objection. The proposed cancellation of claims 13 and 14 would further remove the rejection of those claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over Emoto set forth in the office action mailed on Sep. 11, 2008, paragraph 12.

Applicants further proposed to amend claim 28 to perfect their claim to foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. 119 to the priority document Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-365782, thereby removing the 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejections of that claim over Yagi and over Emoto, set forth in the office action mailed on Sep. 11, 2008, paragraphs 10 and 13, respectively. The examiner noted that applicants should indicate where in the originally filed specification there is an adequate written description of the subject matter recited in the proposed-amended claim 28 to avoid a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, for lack of an adequate written description.